

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's statement that claims 47-51 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 41 and 55 have been amended. Claims 61-65 have been newly added. Claims 61-65 have been simply added to provide Applicants with a complete set of claims covering the scope of the invention. Claims 41-51 and 54-65 are now pending in the present application.

Claims 41-46 and 54-60 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, based on the specification not reasonably providing enablement. In an effort to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended the claims to remove the term "dielectric layer" based on the Office Action's assertion that the dielectric layer is removed before the recited electrical conductor is formed. Applicants now believe the claims are in full compliance with § 112. Hence, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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